

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC SESSION

III. MINUTES

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2021

IV. BUSINESS

- A. Resignations and Appointments
Vacancies: (2) Board of Education; (1) Board of Finance; (1) Conservation Commission;
(2) Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Committee
- B. First Selectman Comments
- C. Swearing in of Board Members
- D. First Selectman-Elect Comments

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

**TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman B. Scott Kuhnly at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Glenn Ballard, Mark Neumann, Edward Ohannessian and Erica Robertson, Town Manager

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC SESSION

Jenny Emery, 71 Loomis Street, thanked the Board, Scott Kuhnly and Sally King in particular for their professional handling of the search for a new Town Manager and welcomed Erica Robertson to the position.

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting

ON A MOTION by Selectman Ohannessian, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 4, 2021 as presented.

IV. UNFINISHED OR TABLED BUSINESS

No unfinished or tabled business was before the Board.

V. BUSINESS

A. Resignations and Appointments to be Considered

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the appointment of Mark Neumann to the Affordable Housing Plan Committee.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Kuhnly, seconded by Selectman Ohannessian, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to approve the appointment of Erica Robertson to board of the Farmington Valley Health District.

B. Holcomb Farm Update

Bob Bystrowski, President of the Friends of Holcomb Farm, presented an update on the farm to the Board. Mr. Bystrowski shared the history of the farm beginning with the donation of the property by Tudor and Laura Holcomb to the current day operations. The mission of the Friends of Holcomb Farm is to preserve, promote and utilize an historic, working New England farm. Highlights of the presentation included 2020 accomplishments in the areas of farming, Fresh Access, stewardship and grants as well as plans for 2021. Mr. Bystrowski thanked the donors, volunteers and the Board for their support.

C. Kearns School Presentation

Mike Goman of Goman + York Property Advisors, the firm hired by the Town to market the former Kearns School property, presented an overview of the impact of COVID-19 on the Commercial Real Estate Market as well as an update on the property. Mr. Goman shared advice for municipalities in the market including: be proactive; revise permitting and zoning criteria; utilize incentives and focus on creating tax revenue. Marketing the Kearns School property has been difficult and there have only been a few interested developers. The small market, commuting distance and proximity to a major interstate make the property undesirable for retail. Goman + York will continue to market the property and provide updates to the Board.

D. Consideration of Real Estate Transaction (Item Deemed Appropriate for EXECUTIVE SESSION)

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to reorder the agenda, moving V. Business, Item D. to be discussed during EXECUTIVE SESSION following Selectman Reports.

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

The Town Manager reported on the Budget Operations for September 2021. All accounts are on track and the tax collection rate is on target. Revenue items to note include PILOT funds of \$11,460 for state-owned property, which was more than expected due to the State's change to a tiered program. The Miscellaneous account also includes \$32,000 of profit distribution from CIRMA. The OPEB transfer will be completed in November.

VII. FIRST SELECTMAN REPORT (B. Scott Kuhnly)

First Selectman Kuhnly announced that the Department of Transportation Center Project is set to begin November 15, 2021. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes.

The Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021 is canceled due to the municipal elections the following day.

S. Kuhnly acknowledged the candidates in attendance and reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the high school.

This being the final meeting of his term, the First Selectman shared that he was honored to serve the Town of Granby and thanked the community and members of the Board for their support over the past eight years.

VIII. SELECTMAN REPORTS (Sally King, Vice Chairman, Glenn Ballard, Mark Neumann, Edward Ohannessian and John Bell, Student Liaison)

Selectman Ohannessian, also not seeking reelection, thanked the citizens of Granby for their confidence in him over the past 16 years, eight on the Board of Education and eight as a Selectman. He shared that it was a difficult decision not to run again and hopes that the new officials will continue to keep his vision of doing what is best for Granby now and in the future.

Student Liaison John Bell congratulated the outgoing selectmen and thanked them for their guidance. PSAT's were taken last week and the homecoming dance was the first dance in two years. John provided an update on the fall sports teams.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted unanimously (5-0-0) to recess the meeting to Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. The session will be limited to the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Director of Community Development and Goman + York consultants.

CLOSED SESSION

First Selectman Kuhnly called the Executive Session of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:40 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Scott Kuhnly, Sally King, Glenn Ballard, Mark Neumann, Edward Ohannessian, Erica Robertson, Abigail Kenyon, Mike Goman and Andy DiFatta

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the consideration of a real estate transaction.

ON A MOTION by Selectman Ohannessian, seconded by Selectman King, the Executive Session adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

ON A MOTION By Selectman Neumann, seconded by Selectman King, the Board voted (5-0-0) to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erica P. Robertson".

Erica P. Robertson
Town Manager